Reconstruction of army posts and bunkers destroyed in earthquake

†779. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the plan made for reconstruction of army posts and bunkers destroyed due to the earthquake which occurred in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) by when the work of reconstruction of the same will be completed; and

(c) whether there is any plan to do it on priority basis in view of the coming winter season?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Army has suffered damages in Uri, Poonch and Tangdhar Sectors to its installations including field defences, bunkers and army posts in the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir.

Post earthquake, the Army has fully restored its defensive as well as counter infiltration posture. Adequate measures are in place and there are no gaps or vulnerabilities that can be exploited by the terrorists/enemy. Improvement of defences is a continuous process and is undertaken based on a regular review.

Steps to keep bird menace at bay at HAL Airport

780. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to bird hit, MIG-21 crashed at HAL airport, Bangalore recently;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to keep the bird menace at bay at HAL Airport;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the above incident; and

(d) if so, what are the results of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The control of the bird menace at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Airport is a dynamic and continuous process. Several measures have been evolved and implemented over the years and the same is continuously reviewed to mitigate the bird menace. In this direction, Bird Hazard Combat

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